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\ Please delete the paragraph at page 16, line 4 to line 9 and substitute therefor the following paragraph:

As can be seen in FIG. 9, through the use of multiple optical receptacles having no separating walls, the multi-transceiver assembly has a collective width that is considerably less than three conventional transceivers would have when mounted in a chassis panel. Because the multi-optical receptacle assembly may have a unibody construction, the multi-optical receptacle assembly may be molded in one piece from plastic or cast from another suitable material.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims, without prejudice or disclaimer, as indicated below (A redlined version of each of the amended claims accompany the present Amendment):

\ Please cancel claim 33 without prejudice or disclaimer.

1. A multi-optical receptacle assembly comprising at least two optical receptacles for at least two respective transceivers, said at least two optical receptacles having a shared wall between adjacent optical receptacles of said at least two optical receptacles.
2. The multi-optical receptacle assembly of claim 1, wherein said multi-optical receptacle assembly comprises two optical receptacles.
3. The multi-optical receptacle assembly of claim 1, wherein said multi-optical receptacle assembly comprises four optical receptacles.

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4. The multi-optical receptacle assembly of claim 1, wherein said multi-optical receptacle assembly comprises more than four optical receptacles.

5. The multi-optical receptacle assembly of claim 1, wherein said shared wall has a thickness of 0.001 inch to 0.15 inch.

6. The multi-optical receptacle assembly of claim 5, wherein said shared wall comprises a unitary shared wall.

7. The multi-optical receptacle assembly of claim 1, wherein said shared wall comprises a unitary shared wall.

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29. (Amended) A multi-optical receptacle assembly comprising:
at least two optical receptacles for at least two transceivers;
a connecting means that connect together said at least two optical receptacles;
and
a mounting means for mounting said multiple-optical receptacle assembly in a housing, wherein said multi-optical receptacle assembly has a unibody construction.

30. The multi-optical receptacle assembly of claim 29, wherein said at least two optical receptacles comprise two optical receptacles.

31. The multi-optical receptacle assembly of claim 29, wherein said at least two optical receptacles comprise four optical receptacles.

32. The multi-optical receptacle assembly of claim 29, wherein said at least two optical receptacles comprise more than four optical receptacles.